

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20190306 008b

Date: March 6, 2019

Subject: Austin Independent School District Land Standards Agreement

Motion by: Hank Smith **Seconded by:** Mary Ann Neely

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission approved an agreement in 2017 which implemented Council's direction to allow Austin Independent School District (AISD) to acquire two adjacent tracts of land and to utilize the undeveloped Travis Country impervious cover for redeveloping existing campuses once the Travis Country site is permanently conserved; and

WHEREAS, a more recent survey of existing conditions at Bowie High School revealed that impervious cover was underestimated by approximately four acres; and

WHEREAS, AISD needs to amend the agreement to transfer additional surplus impervious cover from Mills Elementary and Bailey Middle School, within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, to Bowie High School; and

WHEREAS, this agreement is consistent with the original AISD agreement with the City of Austin that limited impervious cover at most Barton Springs Zone (BSZ) campuses to 25% net site area if SOS compliant water quality controls are provided; and

WHEREAS, this agreement provides flexibility for AISD in meeting SOS water quality requirements by allowing treatment of untreated impervious cover at other AISD properties within the BSZ.

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission recommends support of the request for a proposed agreement with AISD for redevelopment of school campuses within the BSZ with the following

Environmental Commission Conditions:

- If 100% of the impervious cover is used from the Travis Country site, there will be no entitlements left that could be used for development of the Travis Country property beyond those activities specifically listed in the transfer tract restrictive covenant;
- The City and AISD should consider the benefits of providing water quality protection on non-AISD properties.

VOTE 9-0

For: Creel, C. Smith, Thompson, Guerrero, Coyne, Neely, Maceo, H. Smith and B. Smith

Against: None Abstain: None Recuse: None Absent: Gordon

Approved By:

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Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair